



Chapel Chimes

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From Pastor Pamela

Dear Friends,

We are in the middle of Holy Week. This is the time when we remember Jesus entering into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday, eating his last supper in the upper room and making his way to the cross on that Good Friday. There will be no Bible studies or trivia night this week. Instead we have added an extra service on Thursday, Apr 9 at 7 pm. This is Maundy Thursday, which is the time when Jesus gathered in the Upper Room with his disciples, washed their feet, and celebrated communion with them. “The word ‘Maundy’ comes to us as an Anglo-French word derived from the Latin ‘mandatum,’ which means ‘commandment.’ It refers to when Jesus, in the Upper Room during the Last Supper, said to the disciples: ‘A new commandment I give you, that you love one another; even as I have loved you, that you also love one another.’ (John 13:34, Revised Standard Version). Read more about Maundy Thursday at https://www.buffpost.com/entry/why-do-we-call-it-maundy-thursday-good-friday_b_2955751.

The Maundy Thursday service may be new to you all, so this service will be conducted via Zoom so that we can have a question and answer time. Additionally, we will serve communion virtually. We have been given permission by the Sacramento Presbytery for people at home to partake of any bread, juice or wine that you have at home when it comes to receiving the bread and the cup. Therefore, please have whatever elements you have in your home ready when I say, “Eat/drink this bread/cup in remembrance of me.” This will be very powerful, and I am looking forward to sharing this with you.

The Good Friday service will take place on Friday, Apr 3 at 7 pm via Facebook Live, so be sure to join us for this service. This is the time when we remember Jesus going to the cross and for the service this year, we will remember the seven last words of Jesus upon the cross. Again, this will be very powerful, and we hope you can join us.

And of course, there will be our Easter service at 10 am on Sunday, Apr 12. Make sure to join us via Facebook Live. Following the service we will have a virtual coffee hour via Zoom with an Easter Bonnet contest, so please be sure to wear your very best hat!

Finally, if you would like some spiritual contemplation every day, be sure to read our daily devotionals which are available on the church website at: <https://www.parkviewpc.org>.

Rola, Veronica, and I look forward to this week with you all.

Blessings,
Pastor Pamela

“I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now...”

Philippians 1:3-5



Veronica, Pastor Pamela, & Rola are here to serve you.

News

We are One

We have all watched as the number of cases of COVID-19 have risen in our country and around the world. In times of crisis, we often see the best and the worst of communities. Unfortunately, as fear rises, so does hate. The reports of over a thousand incidents of discrimination against Asian-Americans in the past two weeks alone is staggering, and we weep with those who weep (Rom. 12:15). As always, Parkview stands against racism in any form, leaning on our foundations and mission statement:

“To be inclusive: to love, not to judge, to welcome, not reject, to be open to change, not guided by the ways of the past, but looking forward to what will bring greater humanity to the world in the present and the future.”

When one of the members of the body of Christ is wounded, the whole body is wounded. As a multicultural congregation with Asian-American heritage and membership, these incidents hit close to home. We are so grateful for the community of faith we have come to love here at Parkview, and now more than ever, it is essential that we reach out to one another. If you or a loved one has experienced racism, discrimination, hatred, or violence, we want to offer our support. Our pastoral team would like to be here for you.

In addition, we are so grateful to have the support of the newly established Contact Buddy system (see page 3), under the leadership of Maurine Huang and PPW. We hope this will be a valuable resource for connecting the church during this season. Your physical, emotional, and spiritual health are our highest priority right now. If you are facing racial or ethnic discrimination, don't face it alone. Please report any incidents online at <http://www.asianpacificpolicyandplanningcouncil.org/stop-aapi-hate/> and reach out to pastoral staff and contact buddies for further support. We hope to support you however we are able.

In Christ,

Pamela, Rola, and Veronica

Remembering Our “Mystery Lady”

When the Hoshi Fujioka Trust recently bequeathed a large sum of money to Parkview, many folks in our community were wondering just who Hoshi Fujioka was.

Hoshi was the oldest of the three Miyahara children. She married Joe Fujioka from Hawaii, who served in WWII.

She and Joe started attending Parkview several years ago. Joe was a pianist and played the organ for church. Hoshi would drive him to church as he did not drive. She would slip in and out of worship service, speaking only when spoken to, but always with pleasant smiles. Annette Shirai started fixing a plate of “refreshments” to give to Hoshi as she passed through the kitchen on her way home. Occasionally, Hoshi would drop off whatever items she wanted to leave in the kitchen.

One Sunday we received a call from Joe's relatives in Hawaii to inquire about Hoshi because they couldn't reach her. How did they know to contact Parkview? It must have been Joe.

There were many at Parkview who cared about Hoshi and Joe and tried to stay connected. Pattie Hashimoto's mother Deki used to have Joe play organ for her as her health declined. After her death, Deki's organ was donated to Parkview. Toshi Tambara, Wade and Tom's mother, was a very caring person and attempted to keep an eye on Hoshi and would visit her. But, Hoshi didn't want visitors and rarely answered her phone. Terri Bowman kept up the connection to Hoshi as much as possible, dropping off gift baskets that she had to leave at the front door. Rev. Aart was very concerned for Hoshi in her later years and kept in touch as best he could, but Hoshi really was a recluse. As for my connection to Hoshi? For one, Hoshi's parents had hoped that she would marry a man named Haruo, but he married me instead!

Submitted by Daisy Seto

How grateful are we that Hoshi remembered all these kindnesses and wanted to help the Parkview community thrive. Her bequest has been deposited in a CD in order to allow the Session time to determine how best to put this bequest to use.

News - continued

Kansha Korner

Our residents' column on their recent activities.

There's a running joke in the community where Rola and I attended seminary. The job description of a pastor is often notoriously vague. Yes, we know pastors are called to preach and teach, administer the sacraments, care for the poor and the sick, and lead God's people to follow Jesus in their mission. But then there's everything else: "and other duties as assigned."



Veronica & Pastor Pamela during Ash Wednesday service

This past month has been an "other duties as assigned" kind of month. As our normal patterns of life have been uprooted, we have been forced to find new ways to worship and gather as a church. We have streamed worship services via Facebook Live, hosted Zoom coffee hours and Bible studies, set up prayer meetings, and much more. We have all gained new technical skills. And we've found a place for our spiritual lives in our homes and shared our worship with friends and family around the world.

If you have not had a chance to connect with us online, I would love to help you get connected. We are doing our best to bridge what one of my colleagues has described as "the technological divide." I have been especially awed by the response of Parkview Presbyterian Women as they work to build stronger connections in our church. I am amazed at the joyous energy that so many of you have shown in caring for one another. And I can also appreciate the exhaustion that we are all feeling.

No one could have predicted a year ago that we would be here. But this is the gift of ministry. We are learning to be adaptable. We are discovering new strengths in our community and letting go of old idols. Of course, this is not perfect. We are also learning humility in the process. I am grateful now more than ever to be serving in a church community where my

gifts are valued, where I am trusted to lead, and where I am held in love and prayer.

In Christ,

Veronica

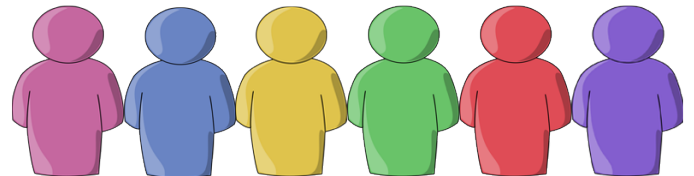
Volunteer Spotlight: Carla Hart

Parkview is fueled by its volunteers, many of whom work behind the scenes to keep the church going.

Carla Hart has most recently served as president of Parkview Presbyterian Women, spearheading all of the group's wonderful work. Carla's commitment to Parkview and the work of God continues, as she has now joined Parkview's



governing session. In addition, Carla serves on the coffee hour and greeter teams. Thanks for your continuing contributions, Carla!



PPW Establishing a "Buddy System"

As a way to ensure the well-being of our entire Parkview family during the Covid 19 pandemic, when we cannot gather together for worship and fellowship, Parkview Presbyterian Women is developing a "buddy system" in which each member of our faith community is paired with another member, most of whom are PPW members. We anticipate this will be up and running within the next few weeks. Please be on the lookout for a telephone call or email from your "Parkview buddy." If you have questions or want to find a "buddy," please email Maurine Huang at maurine_estelle@yahoo.com or Veronica Gould at pastoralresident@parkviewpc.org. Thank you.

Parkview's Virtual Church

Virtual Worship Services

Join us via Facebook Live for our interactive service. Look for our Facebook group at: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/436815866711522/>.

View our sermons on our website at <https://www.parkviewpc.org/category/sermons/>.

Virtual Coffee Hour

The coffee hour is held via Zoom. The meeting ID for all coffee hours is 933-400-909.

Pray with Parkview

"Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, and he delivered them from their distress. He made the storm be still, and the waves of the sea were hushed. Then they were glad that the waters were quiet, and he brought them to their haven."

(Psalm 107:28-30)

Noon Daily. Communal Prayer. Lord hear our prayers! Spiritually connect with others from the Parkview Family at noon each day. Set aside time to recognize God's presence, to affirm God's love for us, and to pray individually in your own homes or wherever you are. God will surely hear our strong collective voices!

Prayer Group. Submit your prayer requests via the website or email prayer@parkviewpc.org. Our volunteer coordinators are Janet Hill and Judy Yee.

Daily Devotionals. Read a daily devotional posted by Pastor Pamela, Rola, or Veronica everyday except Sundays on our website at <https://www.parkviewpc.org/category/daily-devotionals/>.

Parkview Session has voted . . .

- . . . to suspend the rent the GKI church pays until further notice as they are no longer allowed to enter the church due to the Covid 19 pandemic.
- . . . to hire John Kerr as gardener. His official start date is Apr 7.

Apr 9. Maundy Thursday Worship Service.

7 pm. Holy communion will be celebrated. Pastor Pamela, Rola, & Veronica will be preaching this worship service via Zoom. The meeting ID is 760-960-397.

Apr 10. Good Friday Worship Service. 7 pm via Facebook Live.

Apr 12. Easter Worship Service. 10 am. Holy communion will be celebrated. Pastor Pamela is preaching this service. Worship service programs are available on Saturdays for download from our website or Facebook!

Apr 12. Virtual Coffee Hour. 11 am via Zoom. Easter Bonnet Contest! Please don your favorite fun hat during coffee hour, if you are so inclined!

Apr 15. Trivia Night On Vacation. Starts again on Apr 22 .

Apr 16. Session Meeting. 1 pm via Zoom.

Apr 19. Worship Service. 10 am via FB Live.

Apr 19. Virtual Coffee Hour. 11 am via Zoom.

Apr 21. Bible Study. 6:30 pm via Zoom. New series. Details to be posted soon on our website.

Apr 22. Trivia Night. 7 pm via Zoom.

Apr 26. Worship Service. 10 am via FB Live.

Apr 26. Virtual Coffee Hour. 11 am via Zoom.

Apr 28. Bible Study. 6:30 pm via Zoom.

Apr 29. Trivia Night. 7 pm via Zoom.

May 3. Worship Service. 10 am via FB Live.

May 3. Virtual Coffee Hour. 11 am via Zoom.

May 5. Bible Study. 6:30 pm via Zoom.

May 6. Trivia Night. 7 pm via Zoom.

Holy Communion during the Pandemic

As long as we hold virtual services, have a piece of bread/cracker/wafer and cup of wine/juice/water ready to partake in the holy communion when the pastors asks you to. Please do not travel to the store for special

elements. Use any elements you have available to you. God understands.



Stay Connected

The church is closed, but we will stay connected!

Here is a list of ways to stay connected with the Parkview community.

Worship with Us:

See page 4 to learn how to watch our weekly virtual worship service and attend a virtual coffee hour afterward.

Pray with Us:

See page 4 to read about our daily communal prayer. We have also formed a prayer group to minister to the needs of our church members, families, and friends. Our volunteer coordinators are Janet Hill and Judy Yee. Contact either of them, if you want to be matched to a prayer partner.

There is a prayer request form on the Parkview website, or you can also send an email directly to prayer@parkviewpc.org.

Find a Buddy:

See page 3 to connect to your Parkview buddy.

Explore the Website:

Remember to visit our website at <https://www.parkviewpc.org/> to find all the information you need to stay connected with Parkview.

Play with Us:

Wednesday nights at 7 pm are Trivia Game nights. We play via Zoom. The ID for these meetings is 315-939-322.



Facebook Us:

Connect with us via Facebook. Look for our Facebook group at:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/436815866711522/>.

Contact Us:

Office phone: 916.443.4464
(Kris has the phone with her at home, so she can respond to your message pretty quickly.)

Website: www.parkviewpc.org

Rev. Dr. Pamela Anderson: pastor@parkviewpc.org

Rola Al Ashkar: outreach@parkviewpc.org

Veronica Gould: pastoralresident@parkviewpc.org

Christine Umeda: session@parkviewpc.org

Kris Sazaki: officemanager@parkviewpc.org



Pastor Pamela, Kris, Veronica, and Rola stay connected using Zoom for staff meetings.

Financial Report as of Mar 31, 2020:

	Mar	Total Yr 2020
Income:	\$5,324.00	\$33,674.81
Expenses:	\$10,375.13	\$27,929.48
Difference:		\$5,745.33

Grateful Acknowledgment to the following members and friends for their generous donations. Thank yous are posted as they are processed and may appear in a later edition of the newsletter.

Special Covid 19 Notice: Please note that during this pandemic and the church closure, thank you letters and postings may be posted in opposite order. Checks are currently being deposited on a monthly basis to minimize the exposure of staff and volunteers to the disease. Thank you for your patience in the processing of your donation. Do not hesitate to contact officemanager@parkviewpc.org if you have questions about your donation.

Special Offerings: Chad & Monica Bogard, Chinese Community Church, Eddie & Yvonne Fong, Frank Obara, Sakura Chorus, Clifford Shockney

In Support of Piano Tuning: David McGill

In Memory of Osame Doi for Mother's Day: Susan Doi

In Memory of William Lee: May Mayeda, Victor & Sherri Yee

In Memory of Nettie Muramoto, George Muramoto and Joan Shiraki: Gene Muramoto Family

Easter Offerings: May Lee, Frank Obara, Hach & Linda Yasumura

Thank you in advance for your offerings for Easter and One Great Hour of Sharing.



How to Donate

- **By Mail.** You may send checks made out to Parkview Presbyterian Church. Please send them to
Parkview Presbyterian Church
727 T Street
Sacramento, CA 95811
- **Online (coming soon).** We have applied to the Presbyterian Foundation for an online donation account. As of this writing, our application is still being processed. Please go to <https://www.parkviewpc.org/> regularly and look for a donate button. We will put it in place as soon as we are approved. Thank you for your patience.